



NYLA Council Meeting  
Thursday, May 8, 2014  
11:00 AM – 4:00 PM  
NYLA Office, Guilderland, NY  
NYLA President, Sara Kelly Johns Presiding

**In Attendance:** Sara Kelly Johns, *NYLA President*; Geoff Kirkpatrick, *NYLA President-Elect*; Carol Anne Germain, *NYLA Immediate Past President*; Tim Burke, *Treasurer*; Karen Gardner-Athey, *ASLS President*; Gillian Thorpe, *LAMS President*; Sara Dallas, *PLS President*; Ann Penwarden, *SMART President*; Karen Sperrazza, *SSL President*; Chrissie Morrison, *YSS President*; Sheryl Knab, *Councilor-at-Large*; Marcy Strong, *Councilor-at-Large*; Charlie Kelly, *Councilor-at-Large*; Jeremy Johannesen, *NYLA Executive Director (ex-officio)*

**Attending Via Web Conference:** Monica Kuryla, *RASS President*; Rocco Staino, *ALA Chapter Councilor*; Sue Considine, *Councilor-at-Large*; Paige Jaeger, *Councilor-at-Large*; Joanne Albano, *SCLA representative*

**Absent:** Rebekkah Smith-Aldrich, *Councilor-at-Large (excused)*

**Guests:** Mike Neppi, *NYLA Director of Government Relations & Advocacy*

### Council Meeting Minutes

1. Welcome and Review of Agenda
2. Approval of Minutes from March 20, 2014 NYLA Council Conference Call

**MOTION I:** Motion to approve the minutes of the March 20, 2014 Council Conference Call, with edit as discussed.  
Made by: Chrissie Morrison, Seconded by: Carol Anne Germain  
Approved unanimously.

3. Finance Report
  - a. March Financial Statement / Report

NYLA Treasurer Tim Burke reviewed the March Financial Statement.

Memberships under the new organizational dues structure are now coming in steadily.

The 2013 Annual Conference financials are now settled and the conference came in \$29K under budget. This is seen as an anomaly largely driven by the conference location.

4. President's Report

NYLA President Sara Kelly Johns reviewed her written report, outlining recent activities and initiatives, including attendance at the YSS Conference, the SSL Conference and the Long Island Library Conference. Along with the NY delegation, Sara attended the National Library Legislative Day (NLLD). The development of the Joint School Library Taskforce is underway. Plans continue to address NYLA's Strategic Plan during the summer.

## 5. President-Elect's and Past-President's Report

Geoff Kirkpatrick reviewed his written report and drew particular attention to his plans to continue to work on the issue of dealing with Civil Service. Geoff will be presenting at the NYSLAA (Library Assistants Association) conference in June.

Carol Anne Germain reviewed her written report. The Awards Committee developed guidelines for a Lifetime Achievement Award. Planning for the Empire Collaborations Conference continue. Carol Anne attended the SUNY Library Directors meeting in Cooperstown on May 1 and promoted the new organizational dues structure.

## 6. Executive Director's Update

NYLA Executive Director Jeremy Johannesen reviewed his written report highlighting:

- NYLA's Conference Registration Services continue to proliferate
- The dissolution of the NYS Higher Education Initiative (NYSHEI) including the termination of their lease and administrative services agreement
- Planning for the NYLA/SED School Librarian Summit, July 8 & 9
- Membership promotional activities
- The close out of the Digital Literacy grant program

## 7. Legislative Update

NYLA Director of Government Relations & Advocacy Mike Neppi reviewed the FY14-15 NYS Budget development process and the outcomes for Library Aid. There was a brief conversation on the distribution timeline for library aid. The budget includes nearly \$42M in 'Bullet Aid', NYLA will provide support to libraries seeking to pursue 'Bullet Aid' funding.

A brief overview of the items on the Legislative Agenda was presented. The Library Construction Aid bill has passed out of the Legislature and is awaiting the Governor's signature. The MTA Payroll tax exemption had been included in the draft budget, but "dropped out". It will be challenging to move this item through the Legislature. The Maintenance of Effort Waiver bill is on the Senate Floor calendar, and currently assigned to Assembly Ways & Means. The Digital Literacy bill is not currently moving. The Economic Impact of Libraries bill has passed the Assembly and is assigned to the Senate Education Committee. We are in communication with Senator Farley and Assemblyman Thiele's offices regarding the introduction of the bill requiring an elementary school librarian. Senator DeFrancisco's bill authorizing a Central Information System to allow for statewide purchasing of electronic resources (databases) is likely to pass the Senate. Two competing Senate bills directed at making changes to the Queens Library Board of Trustees are being monitored for their potential implications to libraries statewide.

## 8. Section / Roundtable / Committee Reports

In addition to the written reports, the following items were presented:

ASLS: Supporting the Empire Collaborations Conference

LAMS: Mary Trev Thomas is retiring and a new Treasurer will need to be identified

PLS: Increasing scholarships for Annual Conference to support five individuals

RASS: New membership brochure has been developed. 15 people attended the Syracuse area Meet-up.

SMART: The Spring CE workshop was cancelled due to low registration

SSL: Aligning the SSL election with the NYLA Council election

YSS: Producing a 2015 Library Heroes Calendar

## 9. ALA Councilor Report

ALA Chapter Councilor Rocco Staino reviewed the written materials as submitted. Noted was the update to the Library Bill of Rights being reviewed by American Library Association.

## 10. Empire State Center for the Book Report

Center for the Book Chair Rocco Staino reviewed the written materials as submitted. The Writers Hall of Fame Induction Gala will take place on Tuesday, June 3. A Literary Landmark is planned honoring Walt Whitman's birthplace, with support from the Suffolk County Library Association, the School Library Media Specialists of Suffolk County and the Town of Huntington. Rocco is pursuing an application via the Library of Congress in support of awards promoting literacy groups. The new Center for the Book website is now up and running on the same platform as NYLA.org.

2014 Empire State Writers Hall of Fame Inductees: Russell Banks, Mary Higgins Clark, Nora Ephron, Alice Hoffman, Maurice Kenny, Rex Stout, James Thurber

## 11. Unfinished Business

### 12. New Business

#### a. FY 14-15 Budget

NYLA Treasurer Tim Burke reviewed the proposed FY 14-15 NYLA Budget including the written overview and addressing questions from the Council.

**MOTION II:** Motion to approve the FY 2014-15 NYLA Budget as submitted.

Made by: Ann Penwarden, Seconded by: Sara Dallas

Approved unanimously.

#### b. Auditor Recommendation

NYLA Executive Director Jeremy Johannesen reviewed the process of issuing a 'request for proposals', reviewing the responses, the interview process and the recommendation of the workgroup. This was supported by a written report.

**MOTION III:** Motion to accept the proposal to provide audit service from Bryans & Gramuglia for FY2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16 as submitted.

Made by: Ann Penwarden, Seconded by: Charlie Kelly

Approved unanimously.

#### c. I2NY Manifesto

The NY3Rs I2NY work group has put forward a manifesto stating a position on best practices for conducting business with the providers of e-content resources and licensing agreements. I2NY has request that NYLA sign on as a supporter of the statement.

There was discussion of the practicality versus the principals of the document. The language of the document was discussed and characterized as "harsh". Mike Nepl was called upon to comment on any potential legal ramifications of signing on as a supporter, and responded that the risk was small. The intention of the document is to promote open and transparent contracts between e-resource providers and libraries.

**MOTION IV:** Motion to support the New York 3Rs Association's "I2NY E-Resources Licensing Manifesto" as developed and adopted by the NY3Rs I2NY Priority: Enhancing Access to Research Databases Workgroup.

Made by: Carol Anne Germain, Seconded by: Chrissie Morrison

Approved by all present with the exception of Sara Dallas and Monica Kuryla who were opposed. Motion passed.

d. ParaLibrarian Roundtable

A motion has been advanced by NYLA Members Heidi Jensen, Pioneer Library System, and Peg Pelletier, Newark Public Library, to create a new NYLA Roundtable to represent the professional interests of library assistants and support staff. The title for the new group will be the ParaLibrarian Roundtable. The Council expressed concern that the name of the group may lead to confusion as it is not familiar to some. The option for the group to modify the name at a later date exists.

**MOTION V:** Motion to authorize the formation of a ParaLibrarian Roundtable based on the submitted petition.  
Made by: Sara Dallas, Seconded by: Geoff Kirkpatrick  
Approved unanimously.

e. Student Chapter Program Proposal

Working in concert with the Membership Committee a proposal has been developed to establish a NYLA student member chapter at each of the seven iSchools in NYS. The proposal calls for the recruitment of a faculty advisor for each chapter, a complimentary NYLA membership for that advisor, and a \$100 annual stipend to support events to foster student networking. The details were outlined in a written proposal.

**MOTION VI:** Motion to authorize the formation of a NYLA Student Chapters based on the proposal as submitted.  
Made by: Sara Dallas, Seconded by: Carol Anne Germain  
Approved unanimously.

f. Lifetime Achievement Award

Awards Committee Chair Carol Anne Germain reviewed the proposed guidelines for the establishment of the "NYLA Above and Beyond Award". This is intended to formalize the occasionally awarded "Lifetime Achievement Award" which recognized long standing significant contributions to NYLA and the library community.

**MOTION VII:** Motion to authorize the establishment of the "NYLA Above & Beyond Award" based on the proposal as submitted.  
Made by: Geoff Kirkpatrick, Seconded by: Chrissie Morrison  
Approved unanimously.

g. Dewey Fellowship Reminder / Update

A reminder was offered to LAMS, PLS, SMART that they are eligible to nominate a recipient of the Dewey Fellowship in 2014. Additionally the concept of adding a service component to the award of the Fellowships was discussed; the intention being that awardees be required to submit a written report on their conference experience for publication in the NYLA e-Bulletin.

h. Merrill Lynch Refund

NYLA received a one-time disbursement, as a result of a government imposed penalty, for our Merrill Lynch investment fund. A recommendation was offered to assign this unplanned income of \$2,822 to the NYLA Capital Fund.

**MOTION VIII:** Motion to allocate the \$2,822 received from the Merrill Lynch fund to the NYLA Capital Fund.  
Made by: Carol Anne Germain, Seconded by: Geoff Kirkpatrick  
Approved unanimously.

**MOTION IX:** Motion to adjourn the May 8, 2014 NYLA Council Meeting at 3:44 PM.  
Made by: Tim Burke, Seconded by: Chrissie Morrison  
Approved unanimously.